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Message:

Enclosed please find the Request for Continued Examination; and the Amendment and Response to the Advisory Action dated February 1, 2005.

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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p align="center">Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	Application Number	09/590,462	<p align="center">RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER FEB 16 2005</p>
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

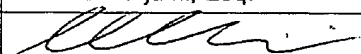
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- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - ☐ Previously submitted
 - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
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 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other _____
- Miscellaneous
 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months, Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - ☐ Other _____
- Fees

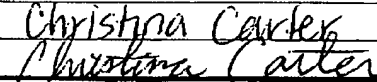
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 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0731
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